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For : PARTITON PANEL WITH MODULAR APPLIANCE
MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, the Examiner took the position that the present application includes the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-22, 25-37 and 53-63, drawn to a partition system with horizontal mounting brackets.
- II. Claims 23, 24 and 64, drawn to an apparatus for mounting a display.
- III. Claims 38-52, drawn to a partition system having, within, an electrical module.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I. Applicants note that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." MPEP 803 (emphasis added). Given the subject matter of Groups I and III, Applicants submit that the search and examination of these Groups could be made without serious burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction between Groups I and III be withdrawn.

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In the event there are any other issues concerning the present application, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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